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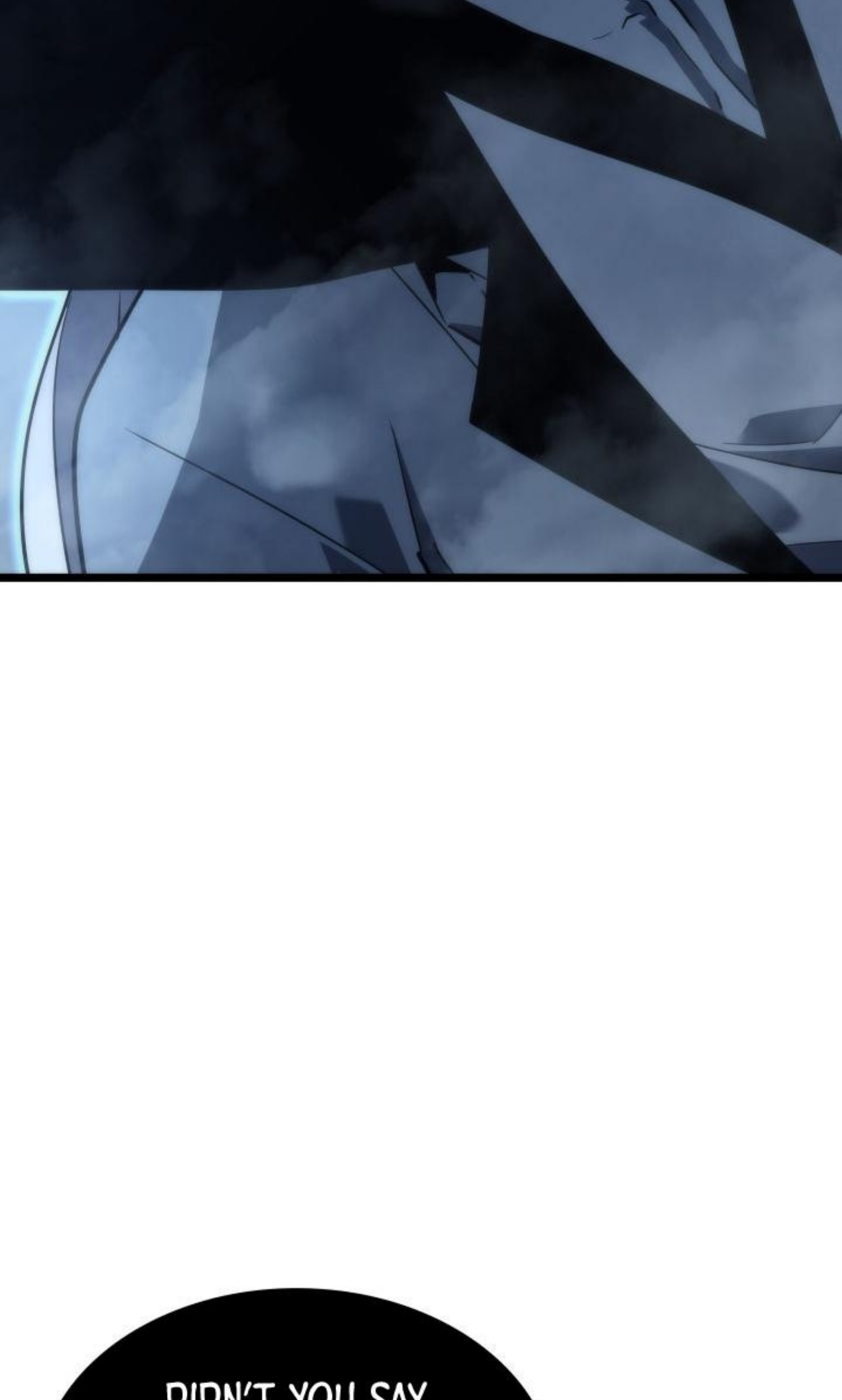
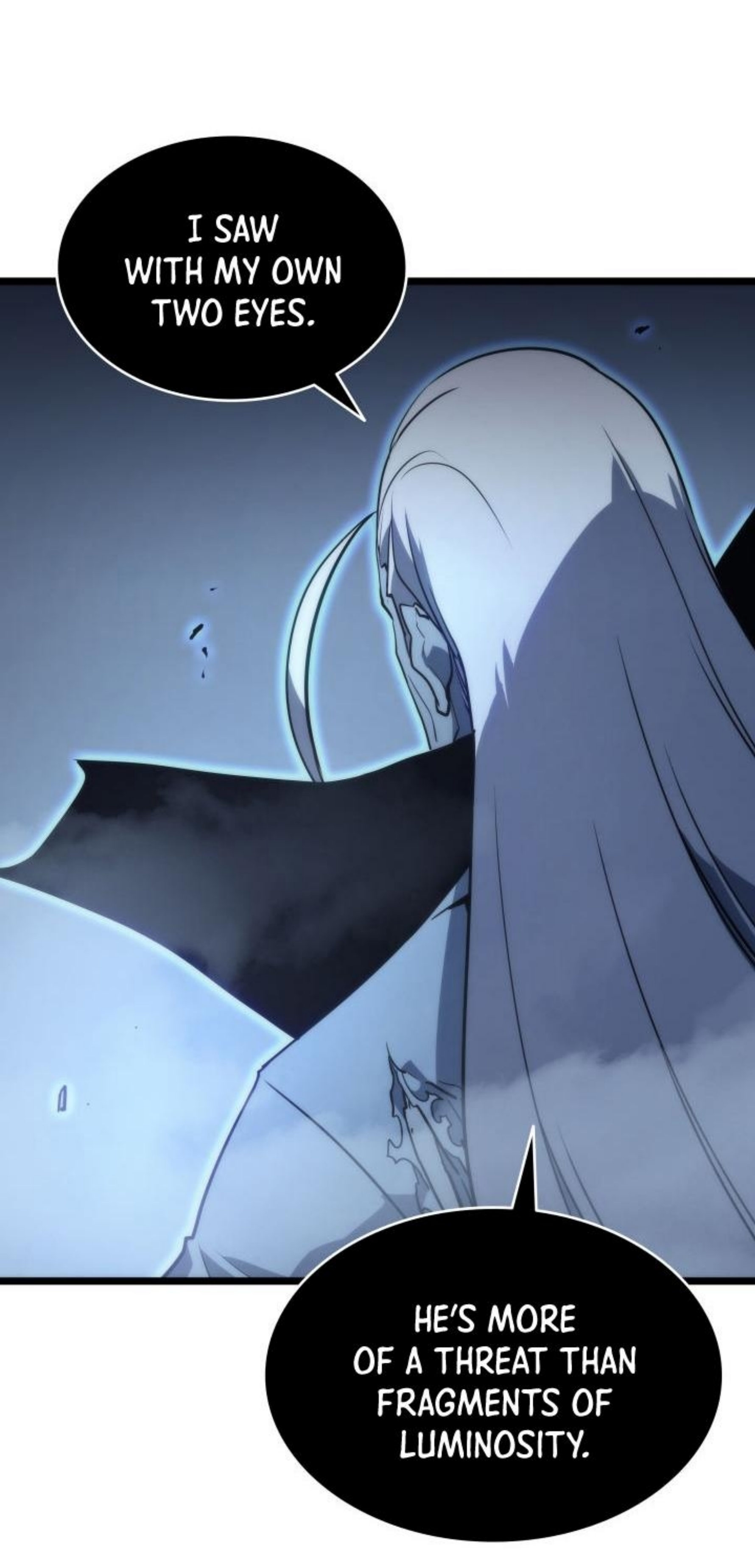
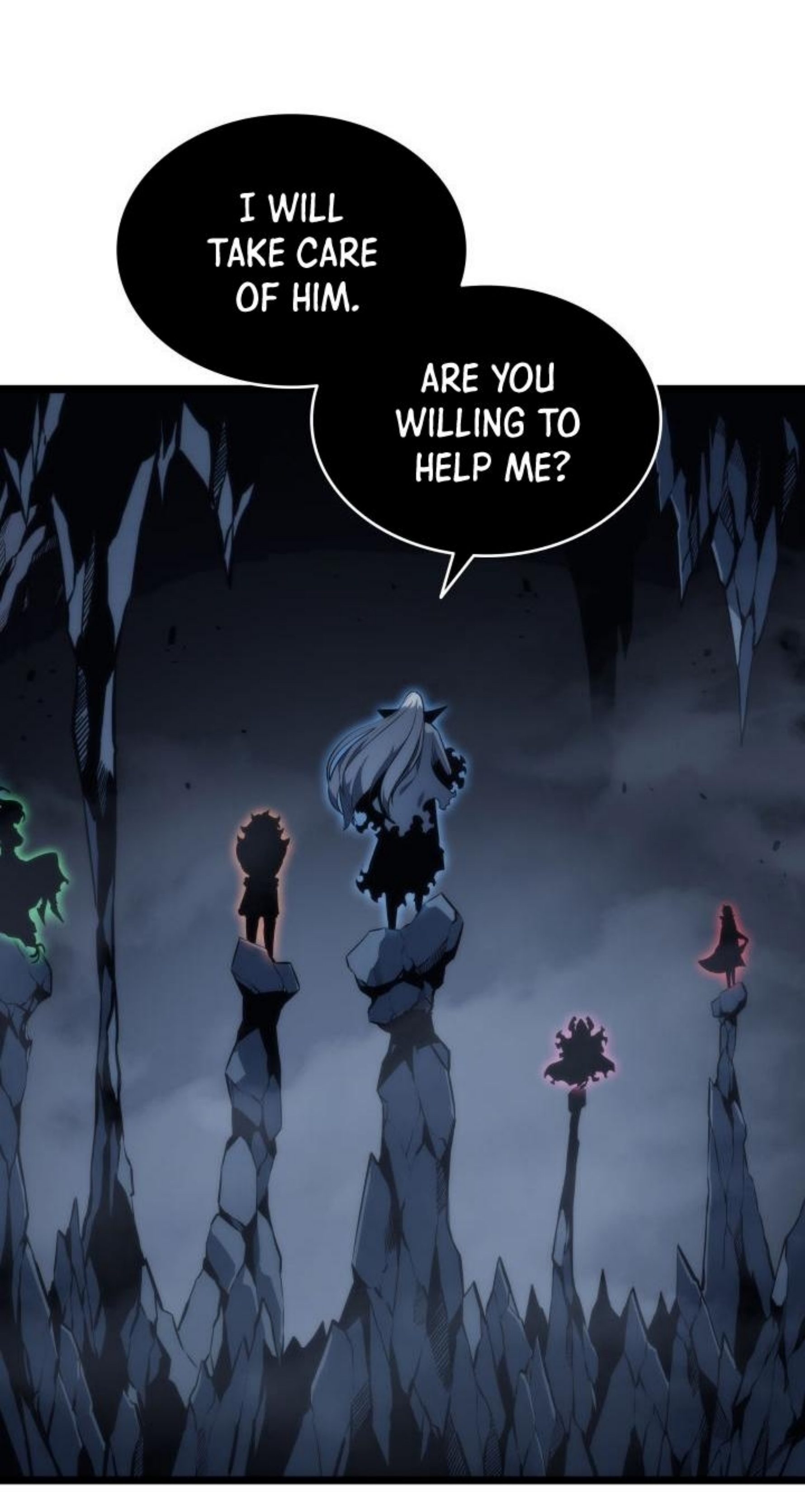
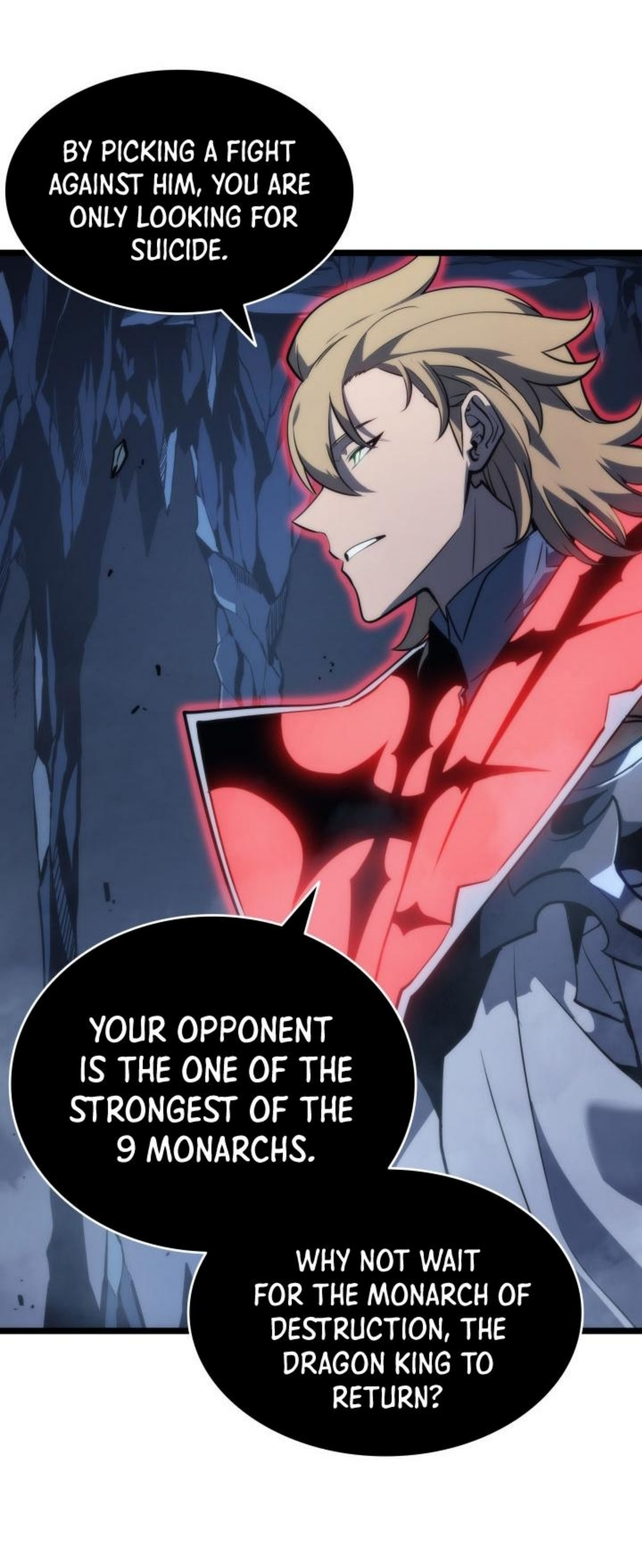
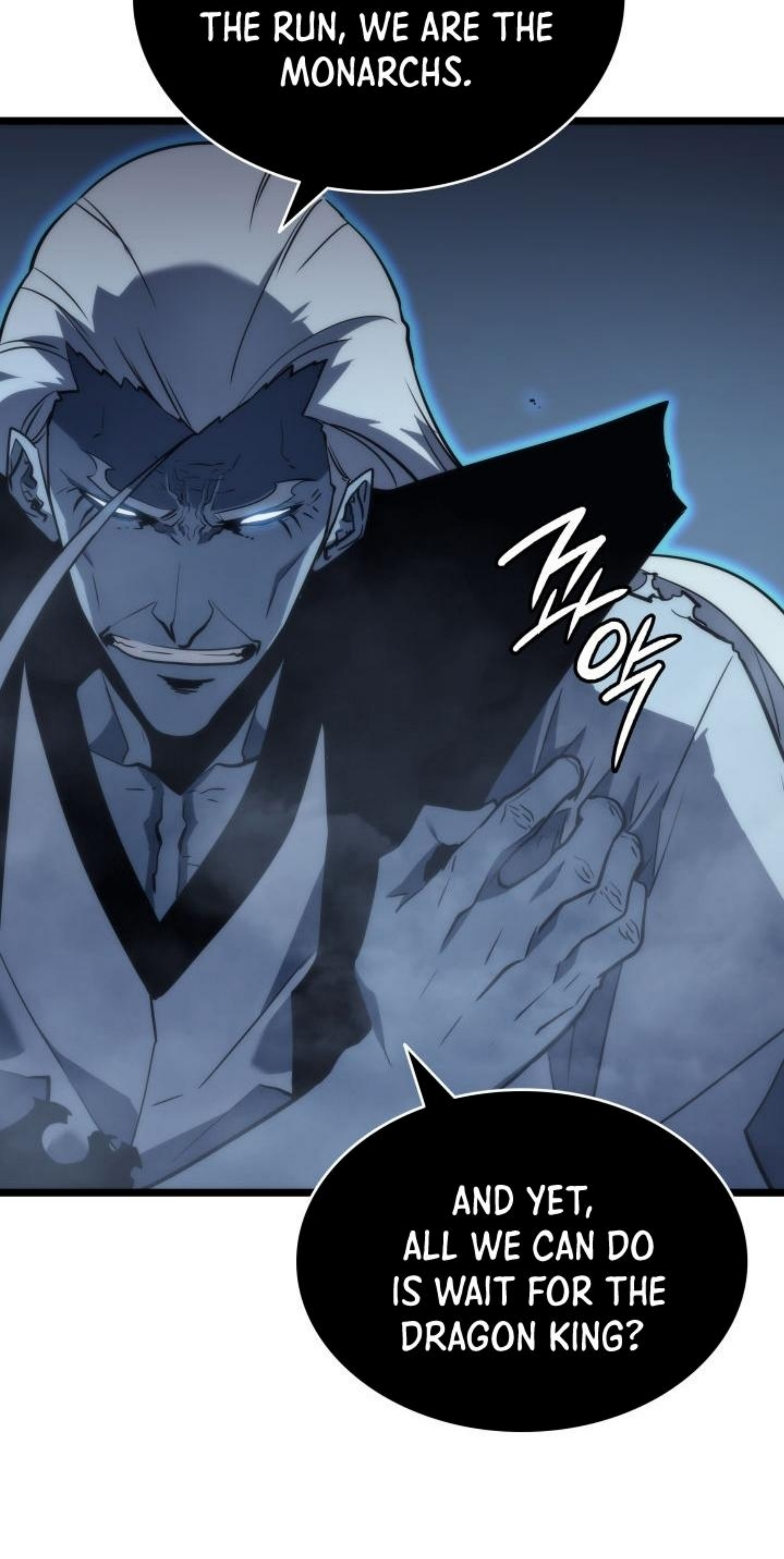

THE SHADOW MONARCH IS ON THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH.

DIDN'T YOU SAY THERE WAS NO VESSEL THAT COULD FULLY CONTAIN HIS TRUE POWERS?
AND ISN'T THAT THE EXACT REASON WHY DRAGON KING CAN'T REMAIN ON THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH?


I SAW WITH MY OWN TWO EYES.
HE'S MORE OF A THREAT THAN FRAGMENTS OF LUMINOSITY.


I WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM.
ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP ME?


BY PICKING A FIGHT AGAINST HIM, YOU ARE ONLY LOOKING FOR SUICIDE.
YOUR OPPONENT IS THE ONE OF THE STRONGEST OF THE 9 MONARCHS.
WHY NOT WAIT FOR THE MONARCH OF DESTRUCTION, THE DRAGON KING TO RETURN?


ALTHOUGH WE ARE CURRENTLY ON THE RUN, WE ARE THE MONARCHS.
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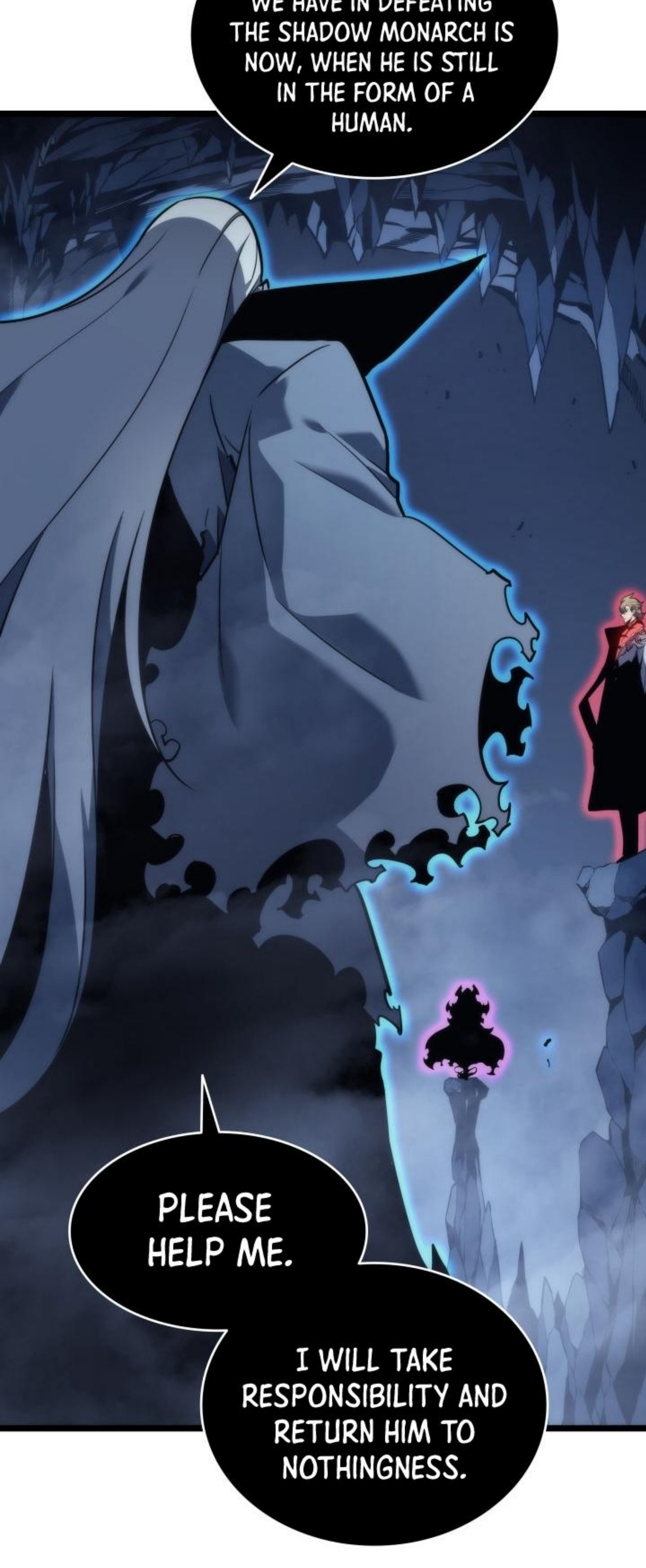
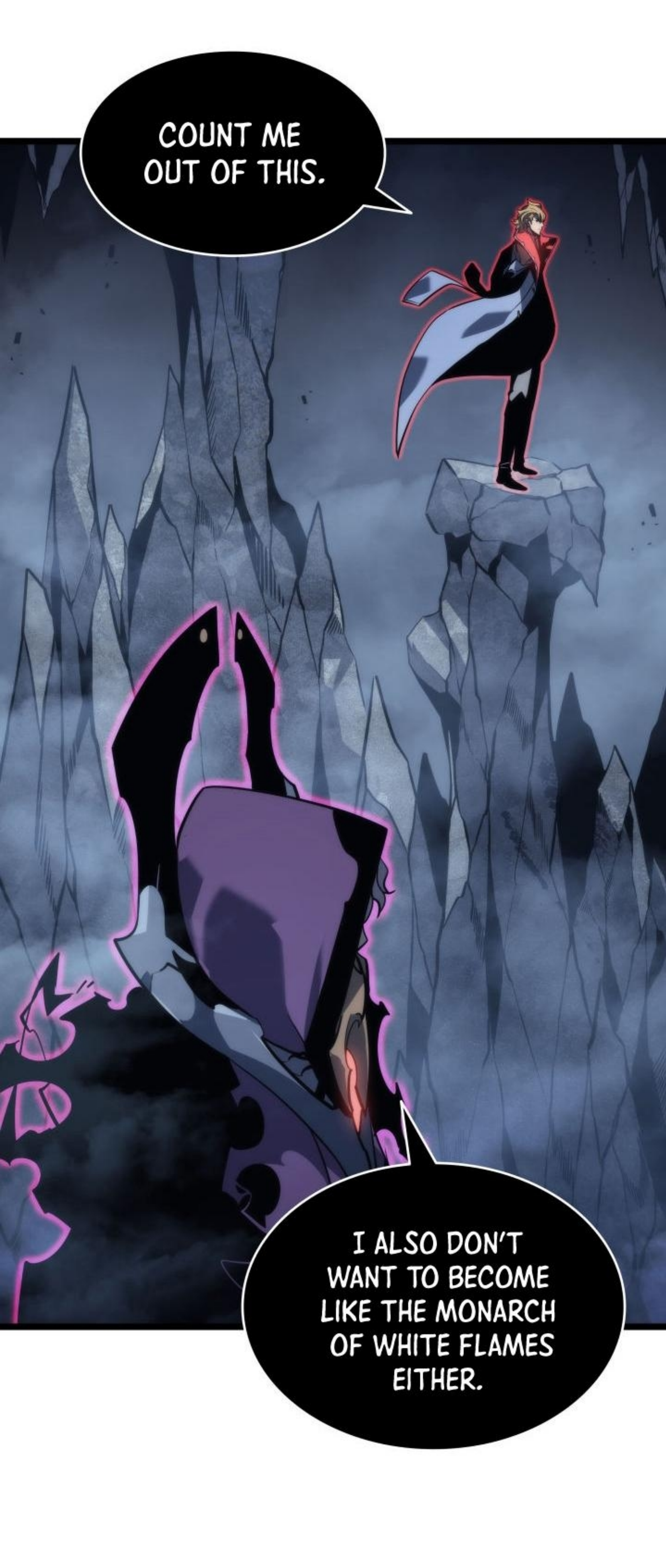
AND YET, ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT FOR THE DRAGON KING?


THE ONLY CHANCE WE HAVE IN DEFEATING THE SHADOW MONARCH IS NOW, WHEN HE IS STILL IN THE FORM OF A HUMAN.
PLEASE HELP ME.
I WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND RETURN HIM TO NOTHINGNESS.


COUNT ME OUT OF THIS.
I ALSO DON'T WANT TO BECOME LIKE THE MONARCH OF WHITE FLAMES EITHER.

...SCAREDY CATS.
YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MONARCH OF WHITE FLAMES AFTER HE WAS DEFEATED.
I DON'T WANT TO BE CAUGHT BY THE SHADOW MONARCHS' AUTHORITY AND SUFFER THROUGH AN 'ETERNAL SLUMBER'.

I DON'T THINK HE CAN MAKE US, WHO ARE IN OUR ORIGINAL FORMS, INTO ONE OF HIS SERVANTS?
IT SEEMS THAT THE SHADOW MONARCH AND THE ADMINISTRATOR ARE WORKING TOGETHER NOW...
HE CAN CREATE A REPLICA OF US.
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I DON'T WANT TO TURN INTO A TOOL IN HIS WORLD.

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AND THE EVIDENCE THAT HE IS STILL A HUMAN?

HE APPLIED POISON ONTO HIS DAGGER. IT'S NOT SOMETHING OSBORNE, THE SHADOW MONARCH WOULD DO.

POISON, HUH...

IF THE SHADOW MONARCH COULD FULLY CONTROL THEIR HUMAN BODY, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO RESORT TO SUCH TRICKERY.

WILL YOU BE JOINING ME?

I WILL HELP YOU.

WE WILL KILL THE SHADOW MONARCH TOG-ETHER.

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PLEASE THINK IT OVER AGAIN, ABOUT THE ONE WHO WILL BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR LIFE WHEN ANOTHER S CLASS GATE OPENS IN THIS WORLD.
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EVEN IF YOU PAY HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF TIMES THE MONEY YOU PAID TO BUY YOUR OWN, YOU CAN NEVER SAVE YOUR OWN LIFE IN SUCH SITUATIONS.

WHEN HUNTER SUNG JIN-WOO WAS FIGHTING AGAINST THE ANTS ON JEJU ISLAND,
THE CHAIRMAN WHO WAS WATCHING THE BROADCAST WITH ME TOLD ME THIS.
NOW THAT HIS WISH HAD BEEN FULFILLED, HE COULD COMFORTABLY REST IN PEACE.

BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD ACTUALLY PASS AWAY LIKE THIS...

I CANNOT SENSE HIS MAGIC POWER.
SO I GUESS THIS METHOD WON'T WORK VERY WELL.

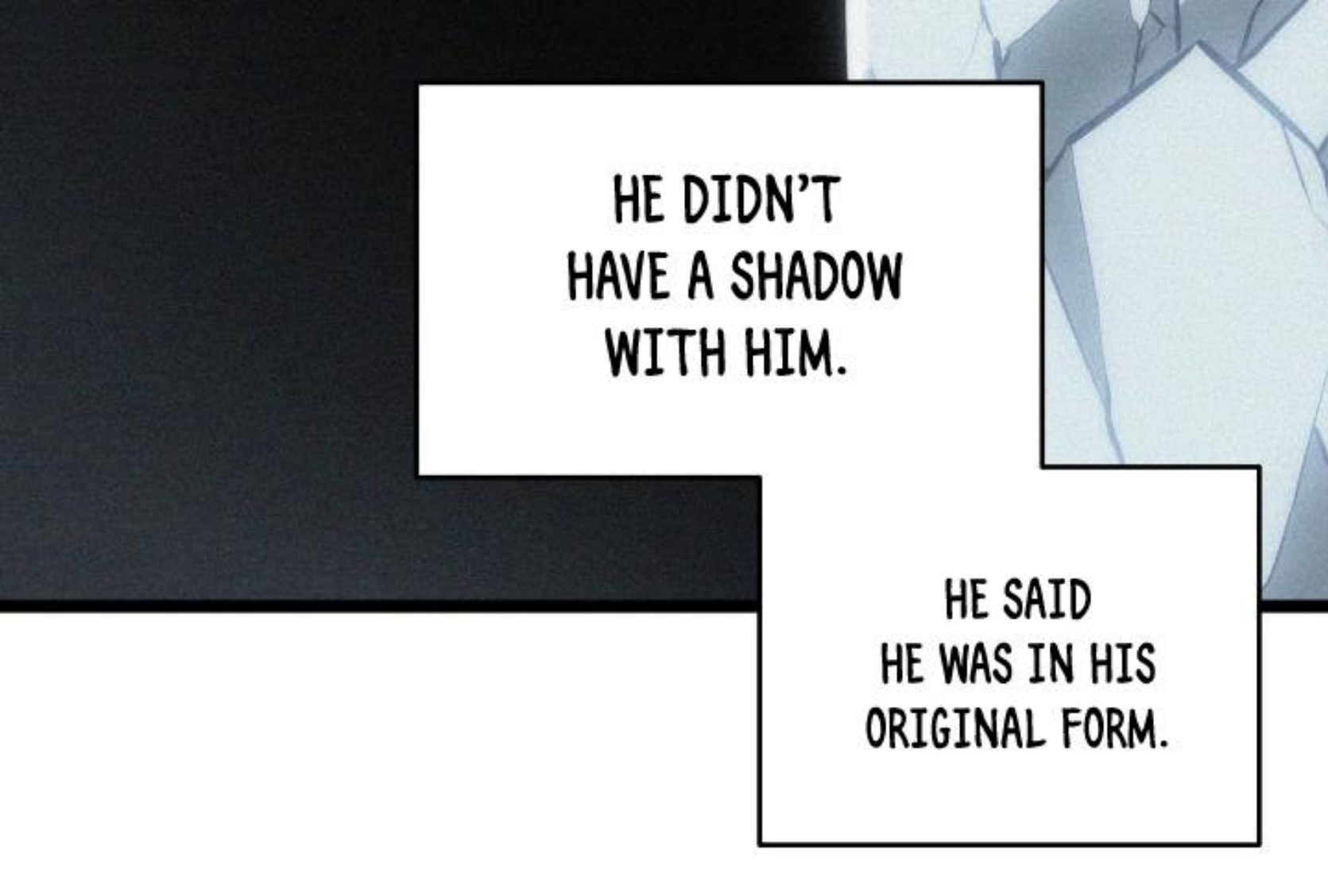
STATUS – x

NAME: SUNG JIN-WOO Lv.133
OCCUPATION: MONARCH OF THE SHADOWS
TITLES: DEMON HUNTER (AND 2 OTHERS)

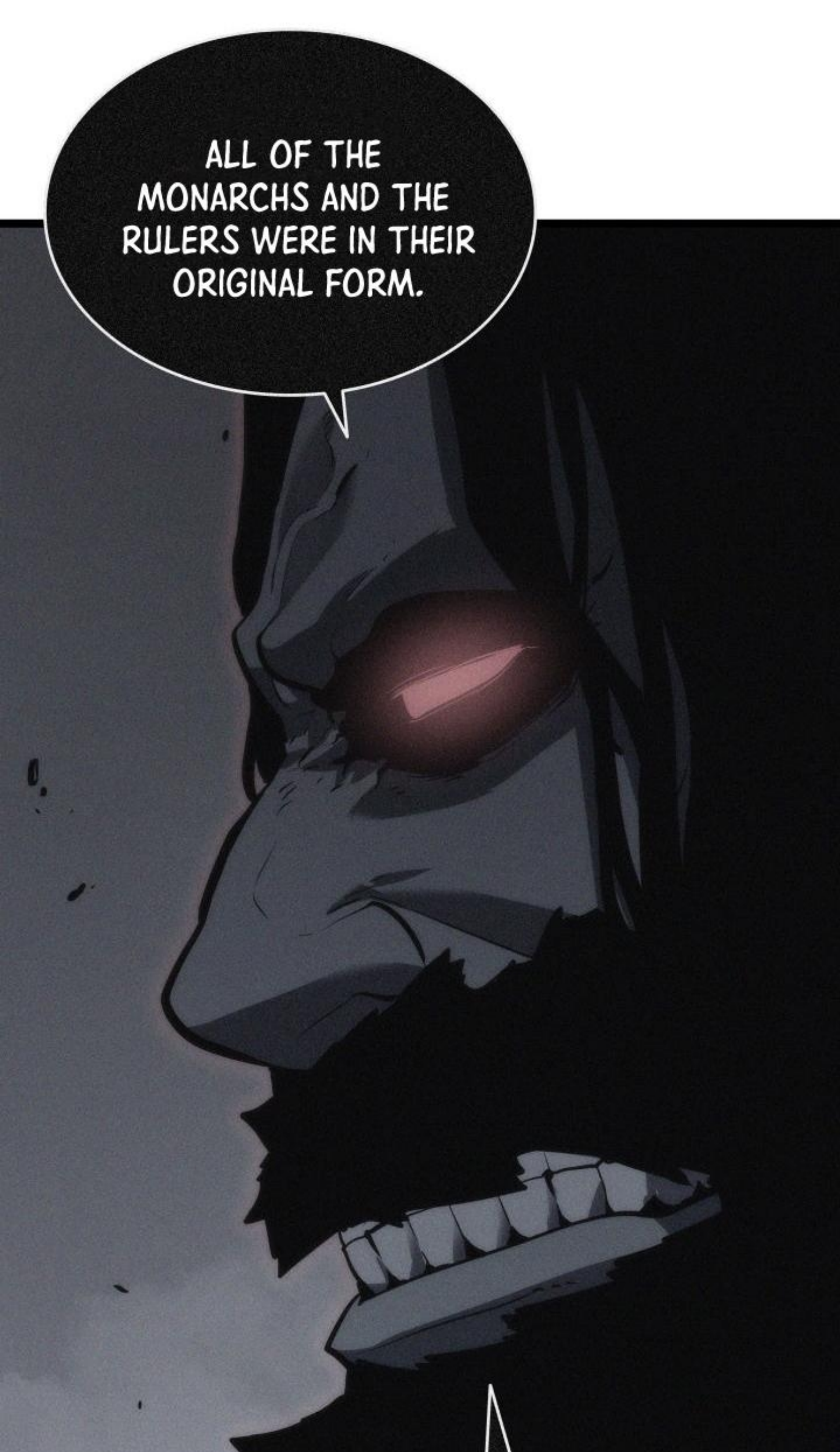
HP : 78,230 MP : 136,160
FATIGUE: 3

STRENGTH: 308 STAMINA: 307
DEXTERITY: 316 INTELLIGENCE: 321
SENSE: 298 AP : 0

...WHY DON'T WE STOP HERE FOR TODAY? I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT WITH OUR LIVES ON THE LINE.


HE DIDN'T HAVE A SHADOW WITH HIM.
HE SAID HE WAS IN HIS ORIGINAL FORM.

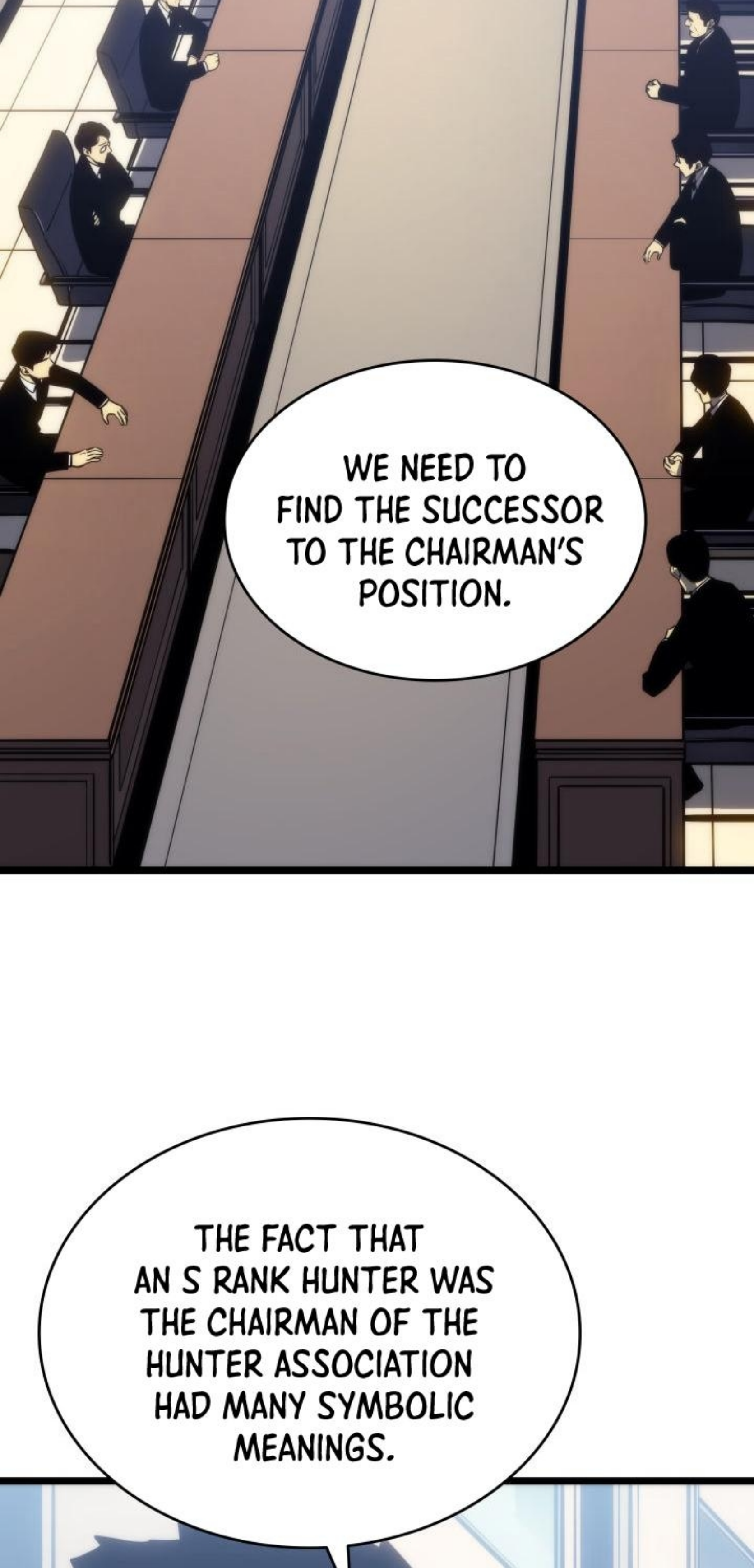
ACCORDING TO WHAT THE MONARCH OF THE GIANTS TOLD ME, THE MONARCHS AND THE RULERS ARE ALL IN THEIR ORIGINAL FORMS AND THUS, THEY CANNOT BECOME SHADOW SOLDIERS.

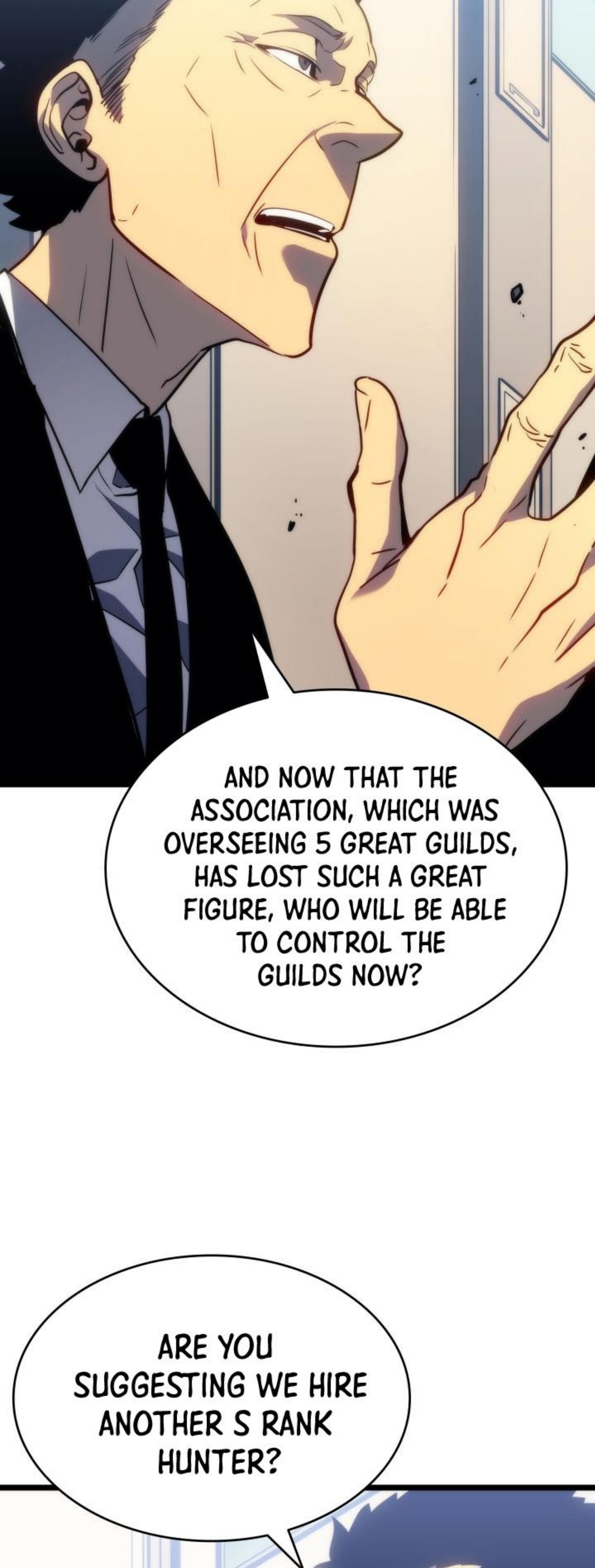

ALL OF THE MONARCHS AND THE RULERS WERE IN THEIR ORIGINAL FORM.
AND ONCE THEIR ORIGINAL FORM DIES, THEY BECOME DESTROYED AND CANNOT BECOME A SHADOW SOLDIER.

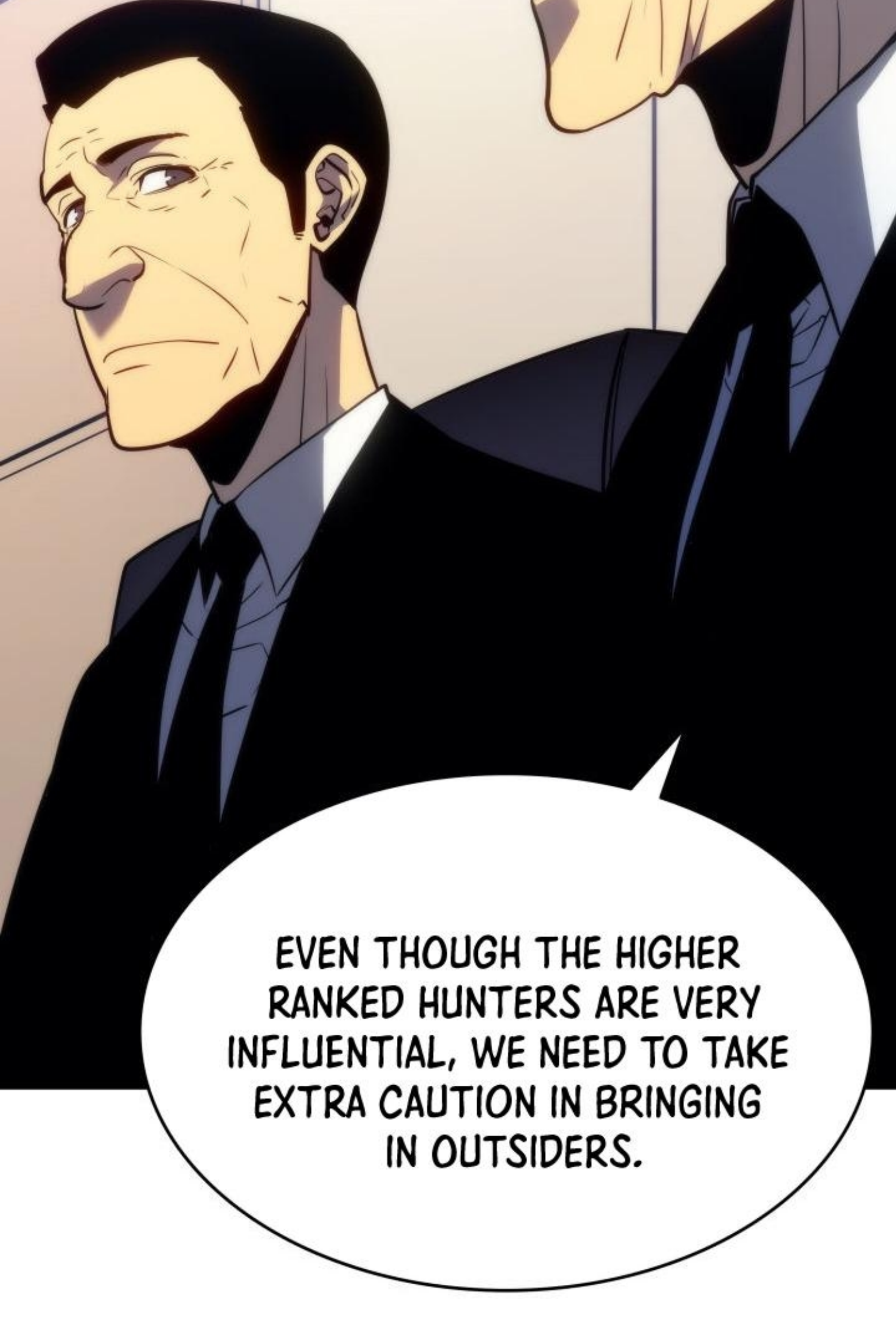
ALONG THE SAME LINES, IF MONARCHS DO NOT HAVE SHADOWS, A GREAT TRACKING SOURCE WOULD HAVE BEEN BLOCKED.

WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER.

AS LONG AS I AM A HUNTER,
I WILL NEVER MISS MY PREY.


IT HAS BEEN A WEEK SINCE THE CHAIRMAN'S POSITION HAS BEEN EMPTIED.
WE NEED TO FIND THE SUCCESSOR TO THE CHAIRMAN'S POSITION.

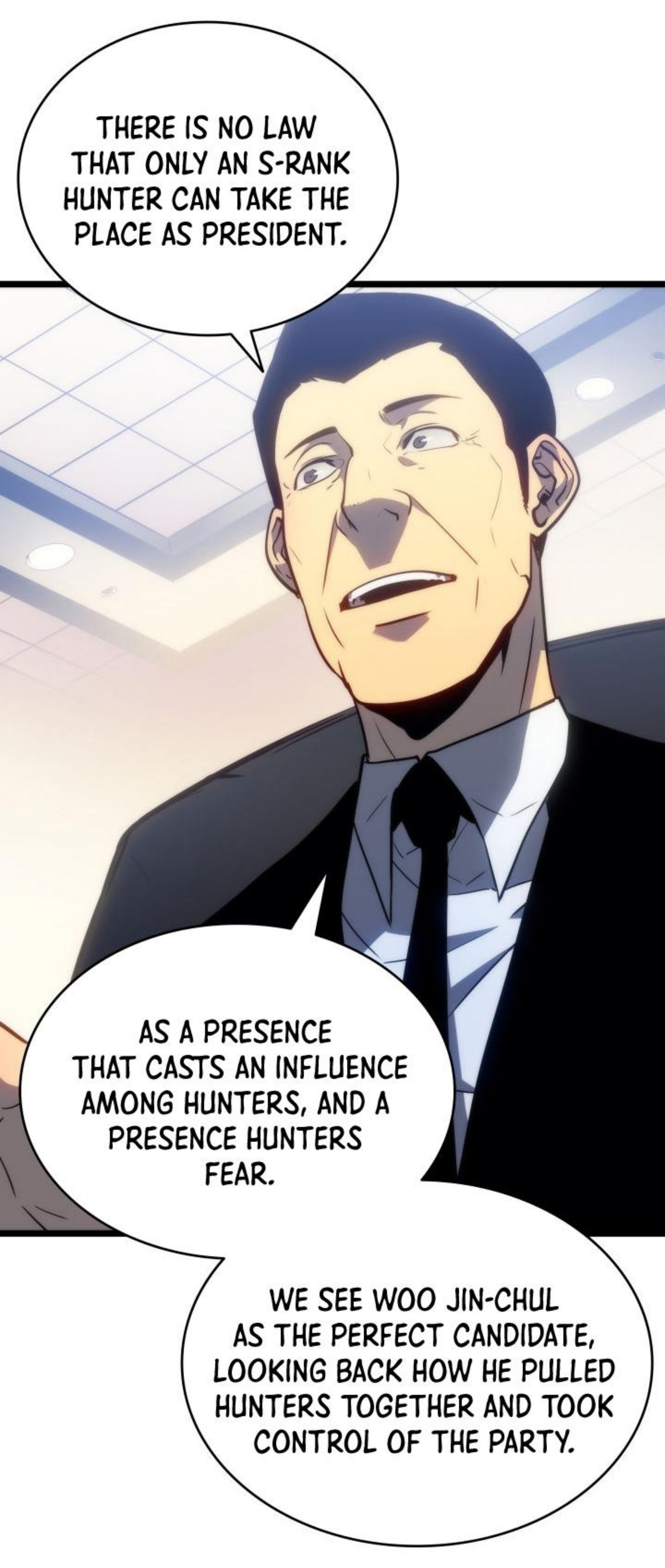

THE FACT THAT AN S RANK HUNTER WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HUNTER ASSOCIATION HAD MANY SYMBOLIC MEANINGS.
AND NOW THAT THE ASSOCIATION, WHICH WAS OVERSEEING 5 GREAT GUILDS, HAS LOST SUCH A GREAT FIGURE, WHO WILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE GUILDS NOW?

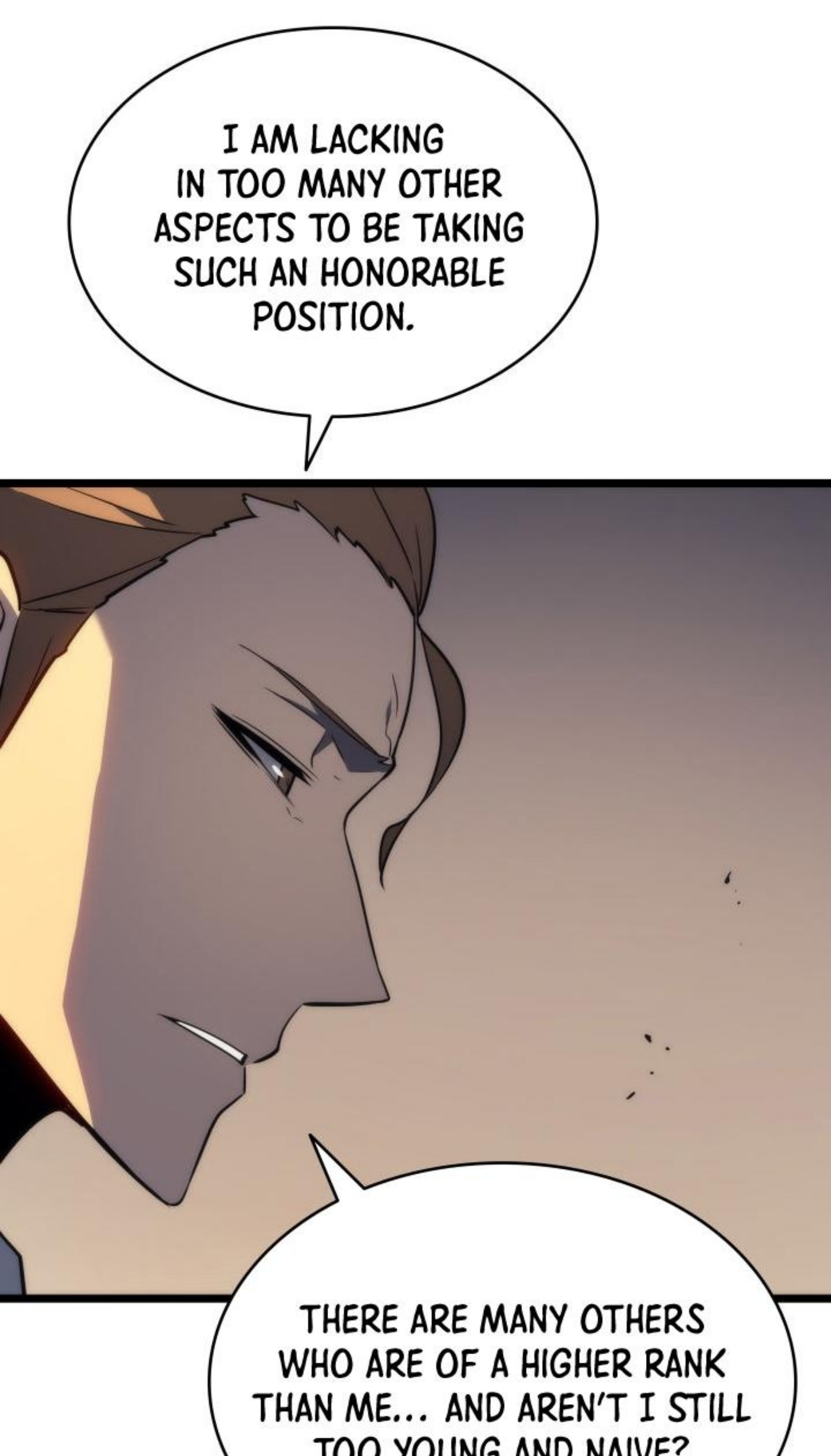

ARE YOU SUGGESTING WE HIRE ANOTHER S RANK HUNTER?
EVEN THOUGH THE HIGHER RANKED HUNTERS ARE VERY INFLUENTIAL, WE NEED TO TAKE EXTRA CAUTION IN BRINGING IN OUTSIDERS.

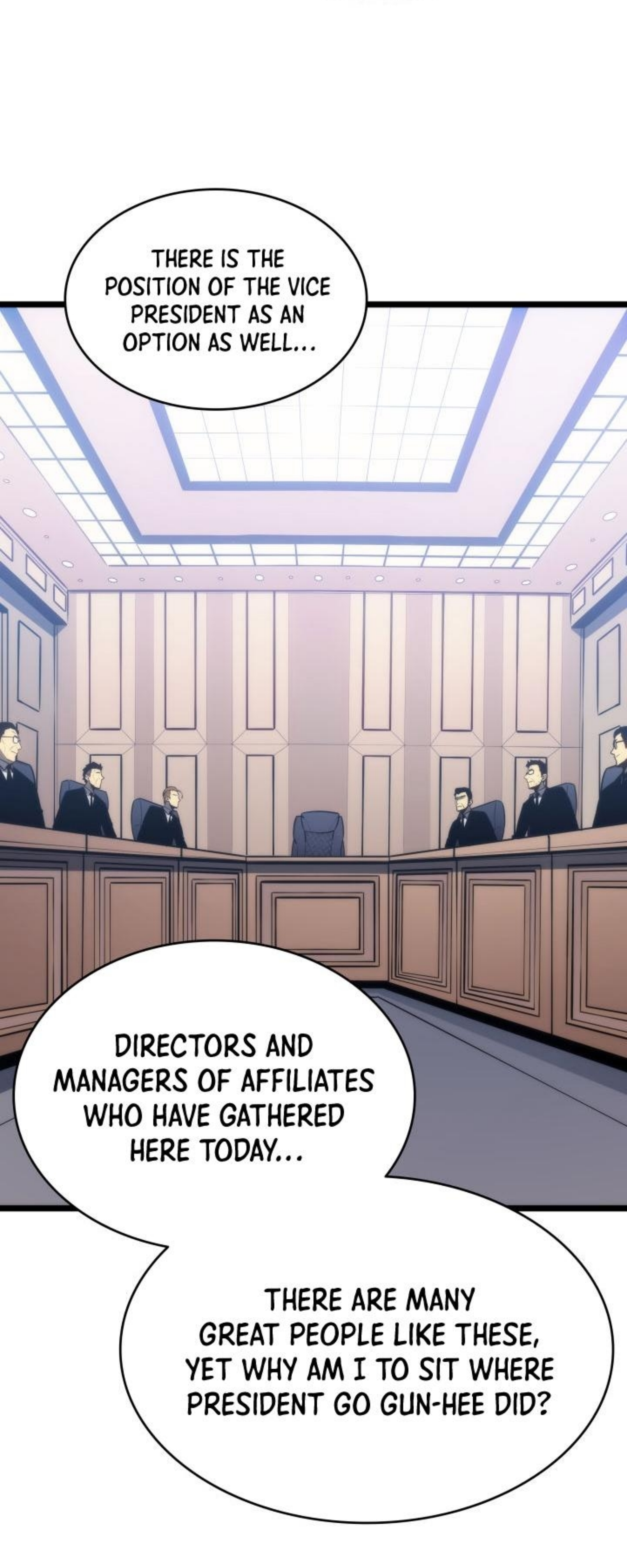
THEN...
AFTER LONG AND INTENSE DISCUSSION, THE DIRECTORS AND I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND...

... WOO JIN-CHUL AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

WHAT? WHY ME..?
WE BELIEVE THAT CHIEF WOO JIN-CHUL MOST CLOSELY ASSISTED THE PRESIDENT AND GAINED THE MOST SKILL.
HE IS ALSO VERY CAPABLE IN TERMS OF LEADERSHIP AND THE ABILITY TO CALL HUNTERS INTO ACTION.


THERE IS NO LAW THAT ONLY AN S-RANK HUNTER CAN TAKE THE PLACE AS PRESIDENT.
AS A PRESENCE THAT CASTS AN INFLUENCE AMONG HUNTERS, AND A PRESENCE HUNTERS FEAR.
WE SEE WOO JIN-CHUL AS THE PERFECT CANDIDATE, LOOKING BACK HOW HE PULLED HUNTERS TOGETHER AND TOOK CONTROL OF THE PARTY.


I AM LACKING IN TOO MANY OTHER ASPECTS TO BE TAKING SUCH AN HONORABLE POSITION.
THERE ARE MANY OTHERS WHO ARE OF A HIGHER RANK THAN ME... AND AREN'T I STILL TOO YOUNG AND NAIVE?

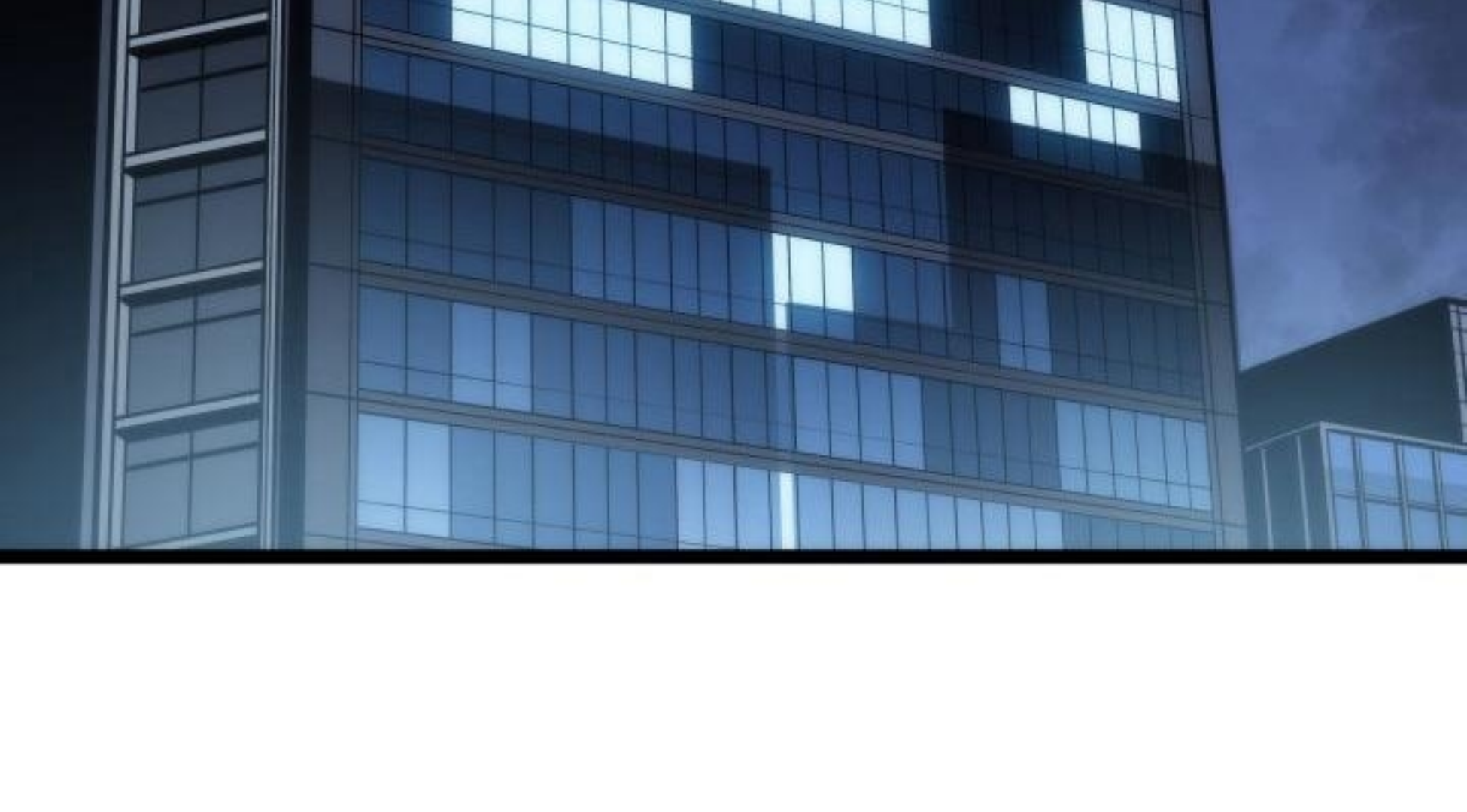

THERE IS THE POSITION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT AS AN OPTION AS WELL...
DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS OF AFFILIATES WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE TODAY...
THERE ARE MANY GREAT PEOPLE LIKE THESE, YET WHY AM I TO SIT WHERE PRESIDENT GO GUN-HEE DID?

ME AND THE OTHER EXECUTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION DO NOT HAVE THE POWER TO MOVE AROUND THE GREATEST FORCES OF KOREA.
HOWEVER, INSPECTOR WOO JIN-CHUL HAS THE POWER TO DO SO.

YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS TO MANY GREAT GUILDS, AND ABOVE ALL, DON'T YOU HAVE A CONNECTION TO HUNTER SUNG JIN-WOO?
I DID RUN INTO HIM FREQUENTLY, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HUNTER SUNG JIN-WOO WILL THINK OF IT THE SAME WAY…

WE CANNOT FORCE OUR DECISION ONTO INSPECTOR WOO JIN-CHUL.
HOWEVER, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER ACCEPTING OUR PROPOSAL?

I WILL…



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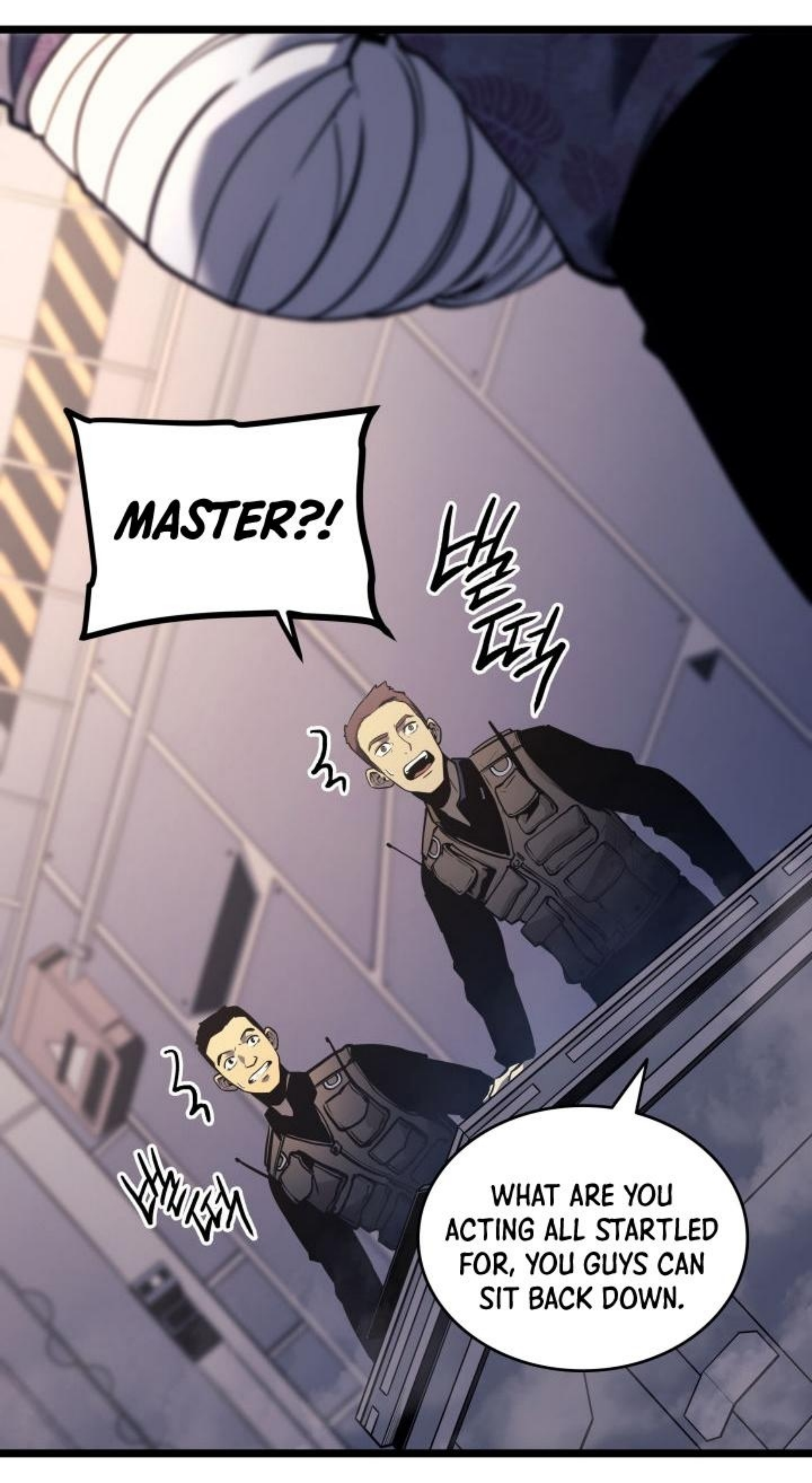
A WHILE SINCE I LAST CAME TO THE UNDERGROUND.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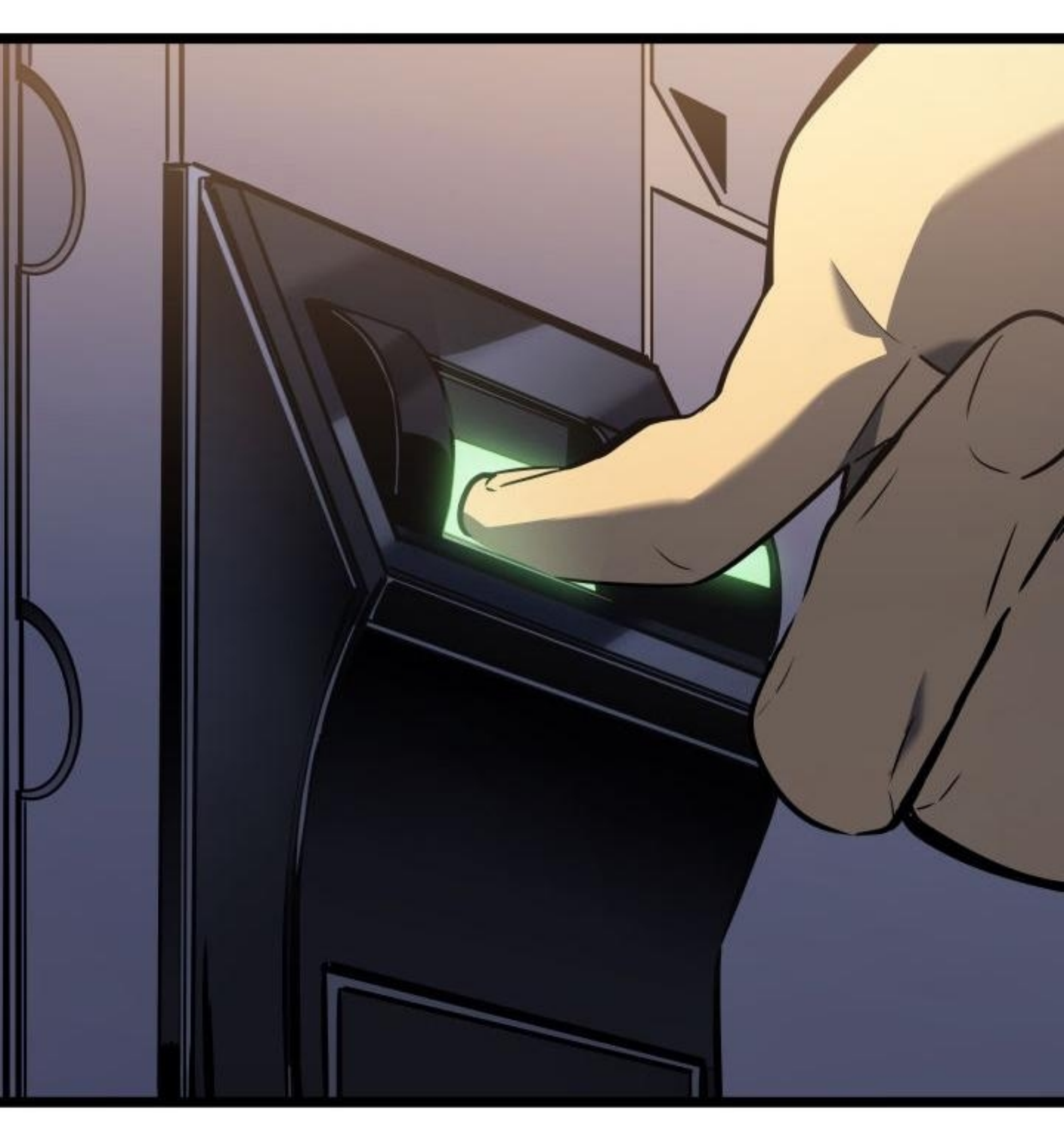
WHAT ARE YOU ACTING ALL STARTLED FOR, YOU GUYS CAN SIT BACK DOWN.



ARE YOU REALLY THINKING OF GIVING THAT AWAY AS A GIFT?
WHY? DO YOU THINK IT'S NOT WORTH THE LIVES OF ME AND THE MEMBERS OF MY GUILD?

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NO, I DO NOT THINK SO...

DO YOU THINK HE LACKS THE SKILLS AS A HUNTER TO USE THIS?
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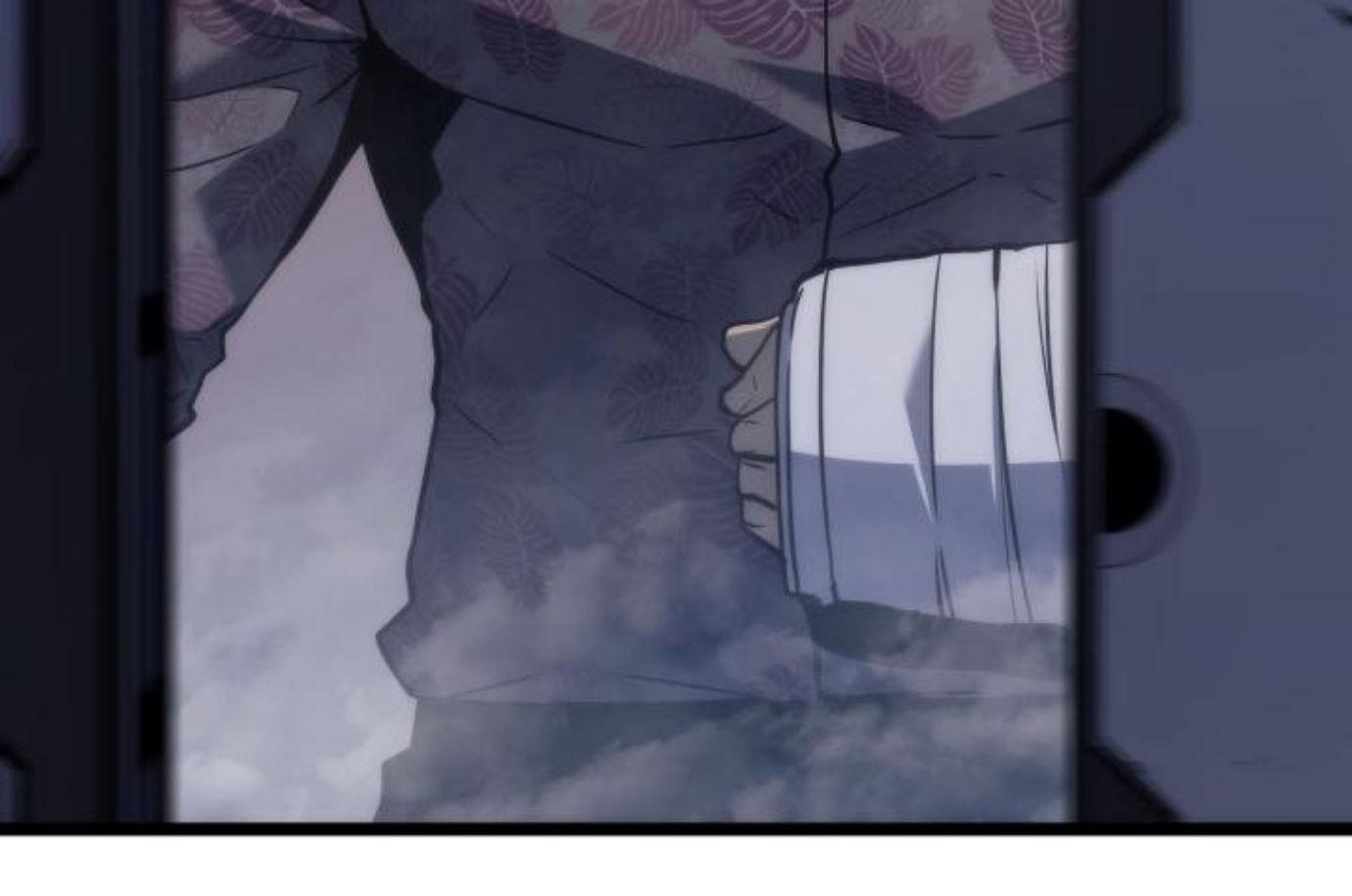

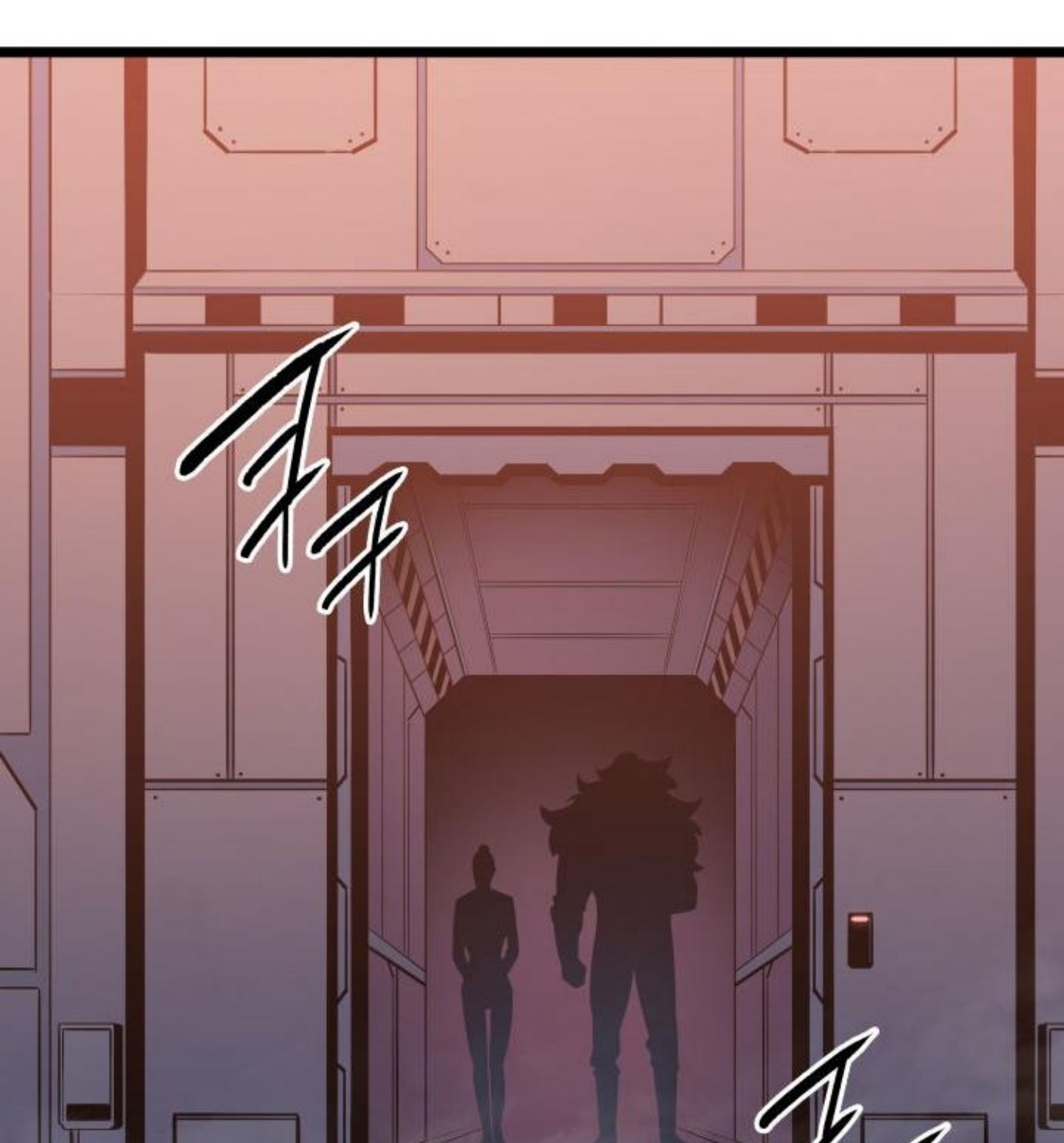

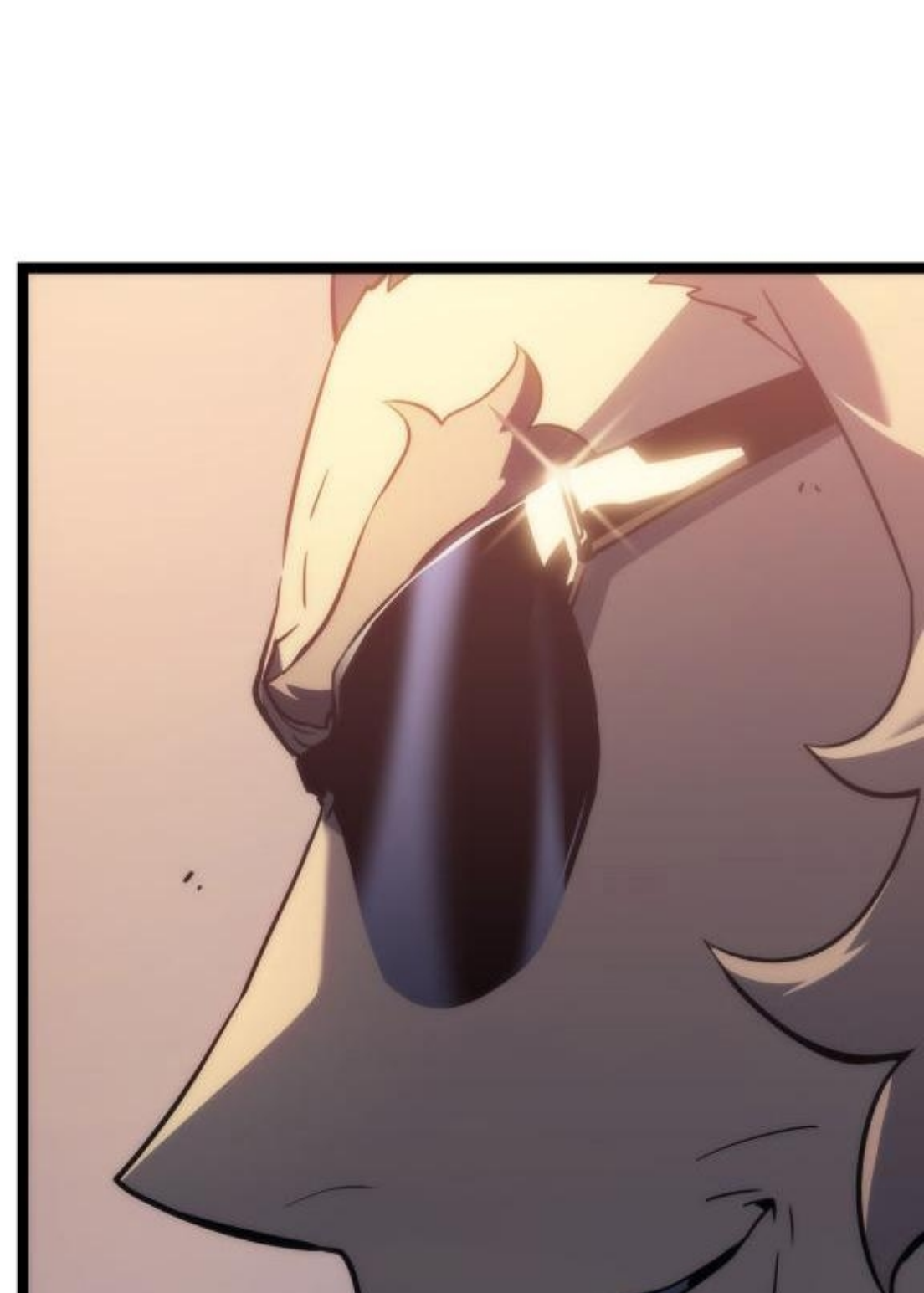
… AS AWESOME AS ALWAYS.

THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF THEM IN THE ENTIRE WORLD.
AND I AM SURE THAT NUMBER WILL STAY CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT THE FUTURE.

YES.
BUT YOU'RE STILL GOING TO GIVE IT TO ME?

YES. THAT'S EXACTLY THE REASON I AM GOING TO GIVE IT TO YOU.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A WASTE? THAT THE BEST OF ALL WEAPONS IS JUST ROTTING HERE, GAINING DUST.

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